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SUBJ: IZMIR INTERNATIONAL FAIR-1975

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1. I HAVE WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO
PROCEED WITH PARTICIPATION IN THE IZMIR INTERNATIONAL FAIR THIS
YEAR. WE WERE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED WHEN STATE AND COMMERCE
FAILED TO INCLUDE OUR PROPOSAL FOR AN AMERICAN PAVILION AT THIS
FAIR AMONG THOSE RECEIVING SUPPORT UNDER FY 1976 COMMERCIAL
PRESENCE FAIR PROGRAM, AND I THOUGHT SERIOUSLY OF ABANDONING
OUR EFFORT AT THAT TIME AS I DID NOT WANT TO PUT THIS KIND OF AN
AMERICAN EFFORT IN A SECOND CLASS WAY. HOWEVER, THERE
WERE STRONG COMMERCIAL REASONS TO GO AHEAD AND OTHER THINGS
BEING EQUAL, I WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO TRY TO MAKE THIS EFFORT
FOR ONE MORE YEAR EVEN WITHOUT
THE STATE AND COMMERCE SUPPORT REFERRED
TO ABOVE, IF TURKISH-US RELATIONS HAD NOT TAKEN A SUDDEN
AND VERY ADVERSE TURNING AS A RESULT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
EMBARGO ON ALL MILITARY SUPPORT HERE. THIS ACTION
INEVITABLY INCITES PUBLIC FEELINGS AGAINST AMERICANS, AND I
THINK IT UNWISE TO HAVE AN UNPROTECTED AMERICAN INSTALLATION
SET UP FOR 31 DAYS IN THE MIDST OF JAMMED PUBLIC FAIRGROUNDS
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IN THE HEART OF THE CITY OF IZMIR WHILE THIS TENSE US-TURKISH

RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES.

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